

**Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A basketball shooting training device ~~for removably positioning on a basketball rim, said device~~ comprising:

a basketball rim;

5 a loop member including a top edge, a bottom edge and a peripheral wall  
extending between said top and bottom edges, said peripheral wall having  
an inner surface and an outer surface, said loop member having circular  
shape, an inner diameter of said loop member being at least one inch less  
than an inner diameter of the rim; and

10 a bracket being attached to said loop member and being positioned adjacent to  
said bottom edge for selectively securing said loop member to the rim  
such that said loop member extends upwardly above a plane of the rim,  
said peripheral wall being orientated generally perpendicular to the plane  
of the rim, said bracket including:

15 an outwardly extending peripheral flange being attached to said peripheral  
wall, said peripheral flange having an outer edge;

a downwardly extending first wall being attached to and extending along a  
length of said outer edge;

20 a downwardly extending second wall being attached to and extending  
along a length of said bottom edge, a rim receiving space being  
defined between said first wall and said second wall, said second  
wall having a plurality of apertures extending therethrough; and

25 a plurality of fasteners, each of a plurality of fasteners being removably  
extendable into one of said apertures such that said fasteners  
extend into said rim receiving space and said rim is positioned  
between said flange and said fasteners, said rim being positioned  
over and abutting said fasteners.

2. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein said peripheral wall extends at  
30 least three inches upwardly from said bracket

3. (original) The device of claim 2, wherein said inner diameter of said loop member being substantially equal to 16.5 inches.

4. (original) The device of claim 3, wherein said loop member has a width  
5 from said inner surface to said outer surface of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

5. (original) The device of claim 4, wherein said top edge is rounded.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

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7. (currently amended) The device of claim 6 1, wherein a head of each of said fasteners is flush with an inner side of said second wall.

8. (original) The device of claim 7, wherein a juncture of said first wall and  
15 said flange is rounded.

Claims 9 and 10 (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A basketball shooting training device for removably  
20 positioning on a basketball rim, said device comprising:

a loop member including a top edge, a bottom edge and a peripheral wall  
extending between said top and bottom edges, said peripheral wall having  
an inner surface and an outer surface, said loop member having circular  
shape, an inner diameter of said loop member being at least one inch less  
25 than an inner diameter of the rim, said inner diameter of said loop member  
being substantially equal to 16.5 inches, said loop member having a width  
from said inner surface to said outer surface of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch;

a bracket being attached to said loop member and being positioned adjacent to  
said bottom edge for selectively securing said loop member to the rim  
30 such that said loop member extends upwardly above a plane of the rim,  
said peripheral wall being orientated generally perpendicular to said plane

of said rim, said peripheral wall extending at least three inches upwardly from said bracket, said bracket including;  
an outwardly extending peripheral flange being attached to said peripheral wall, said peripheral flange having an outer edge;  
5 a downwardly extending first wall being attached to and extending along a length of said outer edge;  
a downwardly extending second wall being attached to and extending along a length of said bottom edge, a rim receiving space being defined between said first wall and said second wall, said second  
10 wall having a plurality of apertures extending therethrough; and  
a plurality of fasteners, each of a plurality of fasteners being removably extendable into one of said apertures such that said fasteners extend into said rim receiving space and said rim is positioned between said flange and said fasteners, said rim being positioned  
15 over and abutting said fasteners, a head of each of said fasteners being flush with an inner side of said second wall.